

REMARKS

Claims 1-48 are all the claims pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 13, 26, 29, 33, 41, and 46 were cancelled without prejudice. Thus, claims 1-12, 14-15, 27-28, 30-32, 34-40, 42-45 and 47-48 are pending in the application.

Applicant is filing concurrently herewith an Excess Claim Fee Letter in view of the multiple independent claims.

In the Office Action, the Oath/Declaration was objected to as being “missing”. However, Applicant filed the Oath/Declaration on July 19, 2001. Applicant is submitting herewith the filed Oath/Declaration, along with a PTO-stamped receipt acknowledging receipt of the Declaration on July 19, 2001. In view of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the Oath/Declaration objection of record.

Claim 28 was objected to because it appears that a part of the claim in line 5 is missing. Applicant submits that nothing is missing in claim 28, but has amended the claim to eliminate the empty space appearing in line 5. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the objection to claim 28.

Claims 7, 20 and 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for the following reasons.

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 7, 20 and 36 are not indefinite. Although these claims do not indicate the exact portion of the data that is invariant, such is not required. Each of claims 7, 20, 36 depends from a claim reciting that the calculation required in the independent claim is based on data associated with the packets. Claims 7, 20 and 36 include the additional

imitation that this associated packet data is invariant from packet to packet. Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are clear and definite. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejection of record.

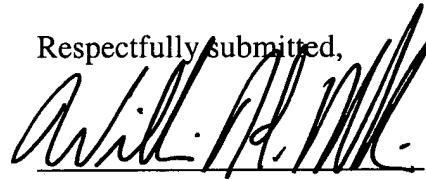
Claims 1-12, 18-25, 28, 30-32, 34-40, 42 and 43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being unpatentable over Albert. Claims 14, 44, 45, 47 and 48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Albert. Applicant respectfully traverses these § 102 and § 103 rejections.

Claims 13, 15-17, 16, 27, 29, 33, 41 and 46 were indicated as being directed to allowable subject matter. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 18, 28, 31, 34 and 44 to include the subject matter of one of the allowable claims. Applicant has also herein rewritten objected claims 17 and 27 into independent form. As a result, all of the pending claims 1-12, 14-25, 27-28, 30-32, 34-40, 42-45 and 47-48 are now in allowable condition.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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